

From: Gerald Heston/R3/USEPA/US
Sent: 3/5/2012 2:31:18 PM
To: Dennis Carney/R3/USEPA/US@EPA
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Subject: Fw: Call from [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]

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Cc: Kelley Chase/R3/USEPA/US@EPA, Richard Rupert/ESC/R3/USEPA/US
Date: 03/05/2012 01:33 PM
Subject: Fw: Call from [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]

Jerry,

Kelley, Rich and I will discuss this after the 2pm call on Dimock today.

Rich

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From: "Cooley, Marc B" <mcooley@pa.gov>
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Cc: "Perry, Scott (DEP)" <scperry@pa.gov>, "Means, Jennifer" <jenmeans@pa.gov>, "O'Donnell, Michael" <miodonnell@pa.gov>
Date: 03/02/2012 12:08 PM
Subject: RE: Call from [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]

Rich, allow me to clarify regarding the complaint initiated by [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] below. The claim made that the State would not investigate is false.

The nearest gas wells to these residences is the WPX Energy Appalachia LLC (Williams Appalachia Prod Co) Carrar pad located approximately 1.34 mile distant to the northwest and the Hollenbeck pad located approximately 4,000 feet distant to the east. The complaints from [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] and ultimately two other residences, were all received at a point in time approximately 2 years after the initial drilling activities at the Carrar pad were completed and also do not seem to coincide with dates of activities at the Hollenbeck pad. WPX screened some residences in the area during 1/12 finding no safety issues. A nearby trailer park named English Flats (I believe) had drilled a water well in 2009, abandoning it due to existent effervescence, etc., it was not suitable for a public water supply use. The locals talked with during DEP activities in the area proclaim an historical issue with the water wells.

Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy sample results were forwarded to her attention by certified mail, received on or before 2/21/12 as the local post office did not require a signature of receipt date. Department personnel spoke with Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy early to mid-last week to discuss Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy results which showed significant elevations of a number of parameters found in the 946 and Dissolved Gas analyses. This complaint is located approximately ¾ to 1 mile ENE from Salt Springs State Park which has a history of somewhat "Salty" water and Methane bubbling out of the ground. All applicable analytical results are under review in-house in order to arrive at a final conclusion. Analytical results from two water sources within the state park show a distinct similarity to the three residences sampled.

For the record, Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy had contacted an EPA OSC on 1/22/12. DEP was notified of this contact with the EPA OSC on 1/23/12. Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy had initially made contact with the DEP on 12/20/11, the initial DEP sampling conducted at her house on 12/22/11.

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From: Richard Fetzer [mailto:Fetzer.Richard@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2012 11:17 AM
To: Augustine, Kevin; Cooley, Marc B
Cc: Linda Marzulli; David Polish; carney.dennis@epa.gov; heston.gerald@epa.gov; Victoria Binetti
Subject: Fw: Call from Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Kevin/Marc,

Here's an incident we have been made aware of by Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

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From: David Polish/R3/USEPA/US
To: Dennis Carney/R3/USEPA/US@EPA, Victoria Binetti/R3/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Kathy Hodgkiss/R3/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 03/02/2012 11:06 AM
Subject: Call from Craig Stevens

Received a call today from Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy reporting that a resident of Franklin-Forks Township, Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Montrose, PA, cell phone Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy have a well that suddenly started spouting water and high amounts of methane. They were told not to use their water and avoid any possibility of ignition. Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy also mentioned that other properties may be affected. Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy said he reported this to the State and was told that this situation may be the result of marsh gas coming from an nearby area and that the State would not investigate. I am calling this in to the Response Center so it can be logged.

Very respectfully,

David Polish